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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

AND

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR

1963.



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OF THE

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MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

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YEAR - 1963

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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE

LEYFURN RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Mr. Chairman, Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting my REPORT on the health of the district for the year 1963.

The vital statistics compare very favourably with those for England and Wales and do not call for any special comment. The incidence of notifiable infectious diseases remained at a low level.

The Northallerton and The Dales Water Board came into operation during the year.

Progress in re-housing and building continued on a satisfactory scale.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

H. Diggle.

Medical Officer of Health.

December 1964

SECTION (A)

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

GENERAL STATISTICS

(a)	Area (in acres)	71697
	Population(Registrar General's estimate of resident population -mid-year 1963	6240
	Population - (1931) census.	6851
	Population - (1951) census.	6423
	Population - (1961) census.	6138
	Number of inhabited houses (1951)	1871
	Number of inhabited houses (1963)	1985
	Rateable value of district	£141708
	Product of ld. rate.	£550

(b) VITAL STATISTICS (as supplied by Registrar General)

	Total	<u>MALES</u>			Total	<u>FEMALES</u>	
		Legit.	Illegit.			Legit.	Illegit.
Live births	51	48	3		38	37	1
Still- births.	-	-	-		3	3	-
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<u>INFANT DEATHS</u>							
Under 1 year	-	-	-		-	-	-
Under 4 weeks.	-	-	-		-	-	-
Under 1 week.	3	3	-		-	-	-

CLASSIFIED CAUSES OF DEATH

	Males	Females	Total
Malignant disease.	9	5	14
Diabetes.	1	-	1
Vascular lesions, nervous system.	4	8	12
Coronary disease. angina.	15	4	19
Hypertension. with heart disease.	-	1	1
Other heart disease.	6	1	7
Other circulatory disease.	2	1	3
Influenza.	1	-	1
Pneumonia.	2	1	3
Bronchitis.	2	1	3
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum.	-	1	1
Congenital malformations.	1	-	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases.	5	2	7
All other accidents.	3	-	3
Suicide.	2	-	2
Total deaths - all causes.	53	25	78

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT -1948

One male was removed under Section 47 of the above Act, which gives the Council power to remove to suitable premises, persons who are not able to devote to themselves and are not receiving from other persons, adequate care and attention.

SECTION (B)

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

Details of the Staff are given at the beginning of the Report.

LABORATORY FACILITIES

Laboratory facilities are provided at the Public Health Laboratory, Friarage Hospital, Northallerton.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES

The North Riding of Yorkshire County Council supply Ambulance Services from their stations at Northallerton and Bainbridge.

HOSPITAL SERVICES

Local Hospital Accommodation is provided by the Northallerton Hospital Management Committee of the Newcastle Regional Hospital Board. In addition, a number of residents in the Leyburn Area receive both in-patient and out-patient treatment at Darlington and Harrogate Hospitals.

NURSING IN THE HOMES

The Home Nursing and Domiciliary Midwifery Service is under the general direction of the County Council, with day-to-day administration being dealt with by the Wensleydale Area Local Health Committee. Four district nurse/midwives operate in the area.

DOMESTIC HELP SERVICE

This is provided by the County Council, the day to day administration again being dealt with by the Area Health Sub-Committee through the Medical Officer.

SECTION (C)

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Infectious diseases notified	Males	Females	Total
Measles	27	7	34
Pneumonia.	1	1	2
Whooping cough.	4	4	8
Tuberculosis.	1	-	1
Paratyphoid fever.	6	4	10

SECTION (D)

WATER SUPPLIES

Details are to be found in the Public Health Inspector's Section.

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Details are to be found in the Public Health Inspector's Section.

REFUSE DISPOSAL

Details are to be found in the Public Health Inspector's Section.

SANITARY

CIRCUMSTANCES

OF THE

AREA

W A T E R S U P P L I E S

The water supply has been well maintained and generally satisfactory in quality and quantity. During the year The Northallerton and The Dales Water Board came into being and took over the responsibility of maintaining the water supplies in Wensleydale and Swaledale.

BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION

Twenty three samples were submitted to the Public Health Laboratory at Northallerton, of these 14 were free from any contamination at all.

The Leyburn supply at Cranchow Bottom, however, yielded contaminated water on eight occasions, during wet periods, probably due to the heavy rainfall finding its way into the springs. A chlorinating plant has now been installed on the Moor and the water is again satisfactory.

The Sowden Beck and Cranchow Bottom give supplies that are liable to act upon lead pipes and so we do not allow anyone to use these pipes.

Copper tubes are always recommended and occasionally plastic and galvanised tubes are laid.

No action other than that stated at (b) above was taken in respect of contamination as nothing else was necessary.

W A T E R

The number of dwellings with water laid on from public mains etc. including parish undertakings, is as follows:-

Parish	Number of dwellings in parish	Number of houses with mains water inside	Houses using outside stand pipes	Houses with private water laid on
Agglethorpe-with-Coverham	25	.	-	25
Akebar	8	8	-	-
Arrathorne	18	18	-	-
Barden	13	11	1	1
Bellerby	102	99	-	3
Caldbergh with East Scrafton	17	12	-	5
Carlton Highdale	54	25	-	29
Carlton Town	58	54	-	4
Castle Bolton	32	-	-	32
Constable Burton	49	44	-	5
East Witton - out	24	-	-	24
East Witton - in	74	65	2	7
Finghall	35	33	-	2
Garriston	6	1	-	5
Harnby	63	59	1	3
Hauxwell - east	20	18	-	2
Hauxwell - west	6	6	-	-
Hornby	34	27	-	7
Hunton	122	112	-	10
Hutton Hang	6	6	-	-
Leyburn	430	426	-	4
McInerby	21	-	-	21
Middleham	224	221	-	3
Newton-le-Willows	104	104	-	-
Patrick Brompton	39	39	-	-
Preston-under-Scar	66	64	2	-
Redmire	72	72	-	-
Spennithorne	52	32	-	20
Thornton Steward	52	52	-	-
Wensley	60	15	-	45
West Scrafton	15	-	-	15
West Witton	128	96	-	32
	2029	1719	6	304

HOUSING STATISTICS - 1963

The number of dwellings erected during the year by private enterprise numbered - 12. The total number of private dwellings erected since 1945 is now - 117

The Council completed the erection of 16 dwellings at Middleham and so the total number of dwellings owned by the Council and built since 1945 now stands at - 256.

DETAILS OF HOUSES UNDER CONSTRUCTION

BY PRIVATE ENTERPRISE

(December 1963)

Parish	Number under construction
East Witten	1
Harmby.	1
Hunton.	1
Ieyburn.	7
Redmire.	1
	11

HOUSING

DETAILS OF HOUSES ERECTED BY - LEYBURN RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Parish	4. B.R.	3.B.R.	2.B.R.	Bungalows	Total
Arratherne.	1	3	-	-	4
Bellerby.	-	12	-	-	12
Constable Burton.	-	10	-	-	10
East Witton.	-	4	-	-	4
Finghall.	-	12	-	-	12
Harmby.	-	6	-	-	6
Hunton.	-	10	-	4	14
Leyburn. (Maythorne)	-	66	-	-	66
Leyburn. (Woodside)	-	6	3	8	17
Leyburn (The Nurseries)	-	4	-	8	12
Middleham.	-	36	16	8	60
Newton-le-Willows.	-	2	4	4	10
Patrick Brompton.	-	2	-	-	2
Preston.	1	2	-	-	3
Redmire.	-	6	-	-	6
Spennithorne.	-	14	-	2	16
Thornton Steward.	-	4	-	-	4
Wensley.	-	4	-	-	4
West Witton.	1	7	-	2	10
Total =	3	210	23	36	272

HOUSES IN CLEARANCE AREAS & UNFIT HOUSES ELSEWHERE.

Houses demolished

	<u>Houses demolished</u>	<u>Displaced during year</u>	
<u>CLEARANCE AREAS</u>		<u>Persons</u>	<u>Families</u>
(1) Houses unfit for human habitation	-	-	-
(2) Houses included by reason of bad arrangement etc.	-	-	-
(3) Houses on land acquired under Section of Housing Act. 1936	-	-	-
<u>NOT IN CLEARANCE AREAS</u>			
(4) As a result of formal or informal procedure.	1	-	-

UNFIT HOUSES CLOSED

	<u>Number</u>		
(5) Under Section 16(4) 17/1 and Housing Act. 1957	8	36	8
(6) Under Section 17/3 & 26 Housing Act. 1957	-	-	-
(7) Parts of building closed under Section 18. Housing Act. 1957	-	-	-

UNFIT HOUSES MADE FIT AND HOUSES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE REMEDIED

	<u>By Owner</u>	<u>By Local Authority</u>
(8) After informal action by Local Authority.	18	-
(9) After informal notice (a) Public Health Acts (b) Housing Act. 1957 sections 9 & 16	-	-
(10) Under Section 24 of Housing Act. 1957	-	-

UNFIT HOUSES IN TEMPORARY USE (HOUSING ACT - 1957)

	<u>Number of houses</u>	<u>Number of separate dwellings</u>
(11) Retained for temporary accommodation		
(a) under Section 2	-	-
(b) under Section 3	-	-
(c) under Section 4	-	-
(12) Licensed for temporary occupation under Section 6	-	-

PURCHASE OF HOUSES BY AGREEMENT

	<u>Number of houses</u>	<u>Number of occupants</u>
(13) Houses in Clearance Areas other than those included in confirmed Clearance Orders or Compulsory Purchase Orders	-	-

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL SCHEMES

During the year further progress was made. The Carlton and Melmerby contract was nearing completion at the end of December.

At Thornton Steward, the scheme was approved, the contract let and the successful contractor was awaiting an improvement in the weather before starting work.

The scheme for the village of Horschouse was started and completed during the year. There are now only two villages awaiting sewerage systems, Redmire and Hauxwell. The Redmire scheme has been prepared by the Council's Consulting Engineer and was awaiting the Ministry's approval at the end of the year. The small village scheme for Hauxwell is being prepared by myself.

Hereunder are set out the details of village sewerage arrangements in our district:-

Parish	Dwellings and other buildings served	Outlying properties not served
Arrathorne.	12	6
Bellerby.	98	6
Castle Bolton.	29	4
Constable Burton.	28	21
East Witton -in.	56	12
Finchall.	32	1
Harmby.	56	8
Hornby.	16	17
Hunton.	110	12
Leyburn.	430	14
		(including W.D. properties)
Middleham.	227	10
Newton-le-Willows.	94	10
Preston-under-Scar.	54	12
Spennithorne.	49	3
Wensley.	38	24
Carlton Highdale	21	21
West Witton.	119	9

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL SCHEMES (contd)

SCHEMES UNDER CONSTRUCTION

	Dwellings and other buildings <u>served</u>	Outlying properties not <u>served</u>
Carlton.	54	6

SCHEMES APPROVED BY MINISTRY

Thornton Steward.	43	18
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SCHEMES UNDER PREPARATION

Redmire.	75	
Hauxwell - East & West.	15	8

When the sewerage schemes for Carlton, Thornton Steward, Redmire and Hauxwell are completed, eighty six per cent of the dwellings in the district will have main drainage connected to sewage works maintained by the Council. The remainder of the dwellings are mainly scattered farm houses. These cannot be connected to any main scheme.

There remains to be carried out, improvements to existing sewage works at East Witton, Constable Burton, Leyburn and Middleham.

The Ouse River Board Inspector regularly samples the effluents leaving our works and no complaints were received during 1963.

P L A N S

54- Plans were considered during the year.
the Table below:-

Details are shown in

Parish	New build- ings	Alter- ations to dwellings	Garages & sheds	Cow sheds & dairies	Other build- ings	Total
Arrathorne.	-	-	-	-	1	1
Bellerby.	-	-	1	-	1	2
Carlton Highdale.	-	-	-	-	1	1
Carlton Town.	-	-	1	-	-	1
Castle Bolton.	-	-	1	-	-	1
East Witton-out.	-	1	-	-	-	1
Finghall.	1	-	-	-	-	1
Harnby.	4	-	1	-	3	8
Hornby.	-	-	-	1	-	1
Hunton.	1	1	-	1	1	4
Leyburn.	10	1	-	-	2	13
Middleham.	1	1	2	-	-	4
Newton-le-Willows.	-	1	1	-	1	3
Patrick Brompton.	-	1	-	-	-	1
Redmire.	-	1	-	-	1	2
Thornton Steward.	-	4	1	-	1	6
West Scafton.	-	-	-	1	-	1
West Witton.	-	1	-	-	-	1
Wensley.	-	1	-	1	-	2
Total =	17	13	8	4	12	54

HOUSE PURCHASE & HOUSING ACT. - 1959

41 Applications for a Standard Grant were received during 1963, but not all were completed during the year. The owners of 19 dwellings received payment of a Standard Grant towards the cost of improving and providing modern sanitation to their dwellings.

The average grant per dwelling was - £92

Many more owners should take advantage of this Act, under which, they are assisted in providing all modern amenities in their dwellings.

MEAT INSPECTION

On the 1st. October 1963, the Meat Inspection Regulations came into force. From this date every animal killed for sale for human consumption must be inspected before leaving the slaughterhouse and the owners of the animals must pay a small fee for this service.

Animals are now inspected before 9 a.m. on Monday mornings at Leyburn Slaughterhouse and on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays at Spennithorne.

The quality of the meat killed was of the usual high standard, only a very small proportion was found to be unfit for human consumption.

CARCASSES AND OFFALS INSPECTED DURING - 1963

	Beasts	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
Number killed	279	2	973	258
Number inspected	159	2	531	148
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<u>COND EMINATIONS</u>				
Whole carcasses	1	-	-	1
Parts of carcasses or organs	9 (183 lbs.)	-	2 (45 lbs)	

INSPECTIONS CARRIED OUT BY PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

	Inspections	Informal Notices	Not complied with	Statutory Notices	Not complied with
Council's works	596	33	-	-	-
Housing.	463	18	-	6	-
Slaughterhouses.	110	4	-	-	-
Dairies.	5	-	-	-	-
Public Health Acts.	443	28	-	2	-
Food Hygiene.	60	7	1	-	-
Total	1677	90	1	8	-

FOOD

The total number of food premises of all kinds in the district is 75, as follows:-

Bakers	2	Cafes	7
Grocery	25	Fish	2
Sweets	2	Grocers (green)	5
Hotels	23	Confectioners	9

The number of food premises registered under Section 16 of the Food & Drugs Act. 1955, and the number of Dairies registered under the Milk and Dairies Act. 1949/54 is as follows:-

Butchers	7
Fish Friers.	1
Ice cream retailers.	34
Dairies	3
Ice cream manufacturers.	nil

FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS - 1955/6

The handling and preparation of food within the area is generally satisfactory. Quite a number of shopkeepers have installed the latest display and cold storage facilities. The number of mobile travelling shops increases yearly.

MILK

+ Bottling of tuberculin tested milk is undertaken at three dairies in the district. None of our retailers handle ordinary milk. In the smaller villages and hamlets, householders obtain their supplies direct from farmer producers by arrangement with the authorities.

DISPOSAL OF UNSOUND FOOD

Food found to be unfit for human consumption and surrendered by shop keepers and others is destroyed by burning. Unsound meat from the slaughterhouses is taken away by contractors each Wednesday. It is processed and converted into fertilisers and animal foods. During the year the following articles of food from retail shops were dealt with and destroyed.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Weight</u>
Boneless ham	1 tin	14 lbs.
Ox tongue & beef	1 tin	6 lbs

PUBLIC CLEANSING

Refuse Collection and Disposal

Our team of three men are calling at over 1900 premises to empty dust bins. They have worked cheerfully and well during the year.

Ninety six per cent of the dwellings in the area are being cleansed by them. The remainder are outlying farms and cottages.

We have four tips in use, namely:-

Preston.	to which 60% of the refuse collected is taken.			
Middleham Moor	"	23%	"	"
Lingy Hill	"	13%	"	"
Nossils Quarry.	"	4%	"	"

The latter tip is a poor one, it is very difficult to prevent the refuse being scattered about.

The average haul with a load of refuse is $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles. The weight per load averages $2\frac{1}{4}$ tons. On an average 270 bins are emptied daily, quite a good day's work bearing in mind that two journeys to tips are made and when working in Leyburn, three trips.

The cost of collecting and taking to the tip of one ton of refuse works out at 45/- The average cost per house per visit is 1/-

The estimated weight of refuse collected from dwelling houses amounted to 1622 tons in 744 loads, in addition to about 61 tons of Trade Refuse collected.

Cesspool emptying was undertaken as usual during the year whenever a request for this service was made.

The total cost of the Refuse Collection service for 1963 was £3770.

RODENT CONTROL

INSPECTIONS AND TREATMENTS

Number of premises inspected	65
Number of premises treated (houses)	14
(other premises)	47

Our Sewage Works Attendants are trained in the work of rat poisoning and regularly visit our tips in addition to the sewage works. They visit houses and business premises whenever a request is made for this service.

FACTORIES ACTS -1937-1959

INSPECTIONS

Premises	Number on Register	Inspections	Number of written notices	Occupiers prosecuted.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
(1) Factories in which Section 1.2.3.4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority.	-	-	-	-
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority.	36	6	-	-
(3) Other premises in which Section 7 by Local Authority(excluding out-workers premises)	-	-	-	-

CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND - nil

